Navy Region Southwest "Environmental Issues from a Regional Perspective" 4/6/04

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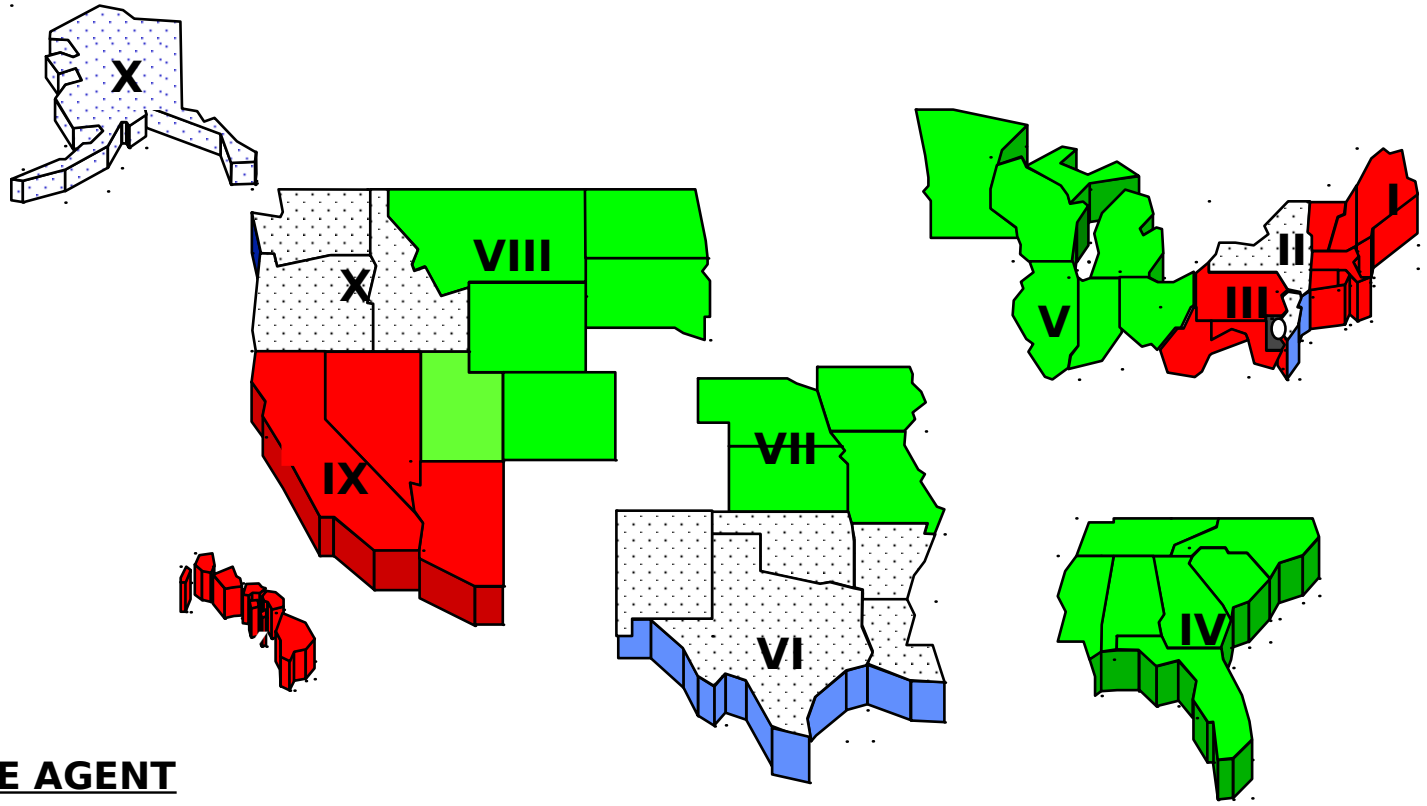
Overview

- REC Organization, Mission & Outreach
- Environmental Issues/Challenges
- The Way Ahead

DoD Regional Environmental Coordination (REC)

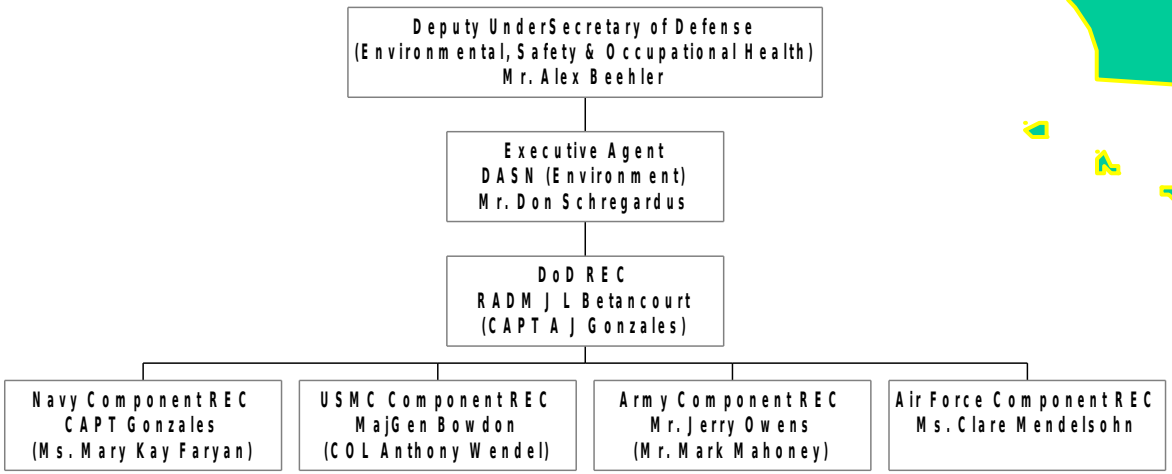
- Navy assigned EPA federal regions I, III, IX



EXECUTIVE AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Navy Army Air Force

CNRSW REC Office
Region IX Structure



DoD REC Tasking

- Support the military readiness ensuring continued access to air, land and water needed for training and testing
- Serve as unified voice to federal, state and local officials and regulators
- Seek solutions to precedent-setting environmental issues
- Facilitate information exchange / resolve issues
- Community outreach
- Guiding Documents
  - DoD Instruction 4715.2 dated 3 May 1996
  - OPNAVINST 5090.1B CH-3 17 October 2002

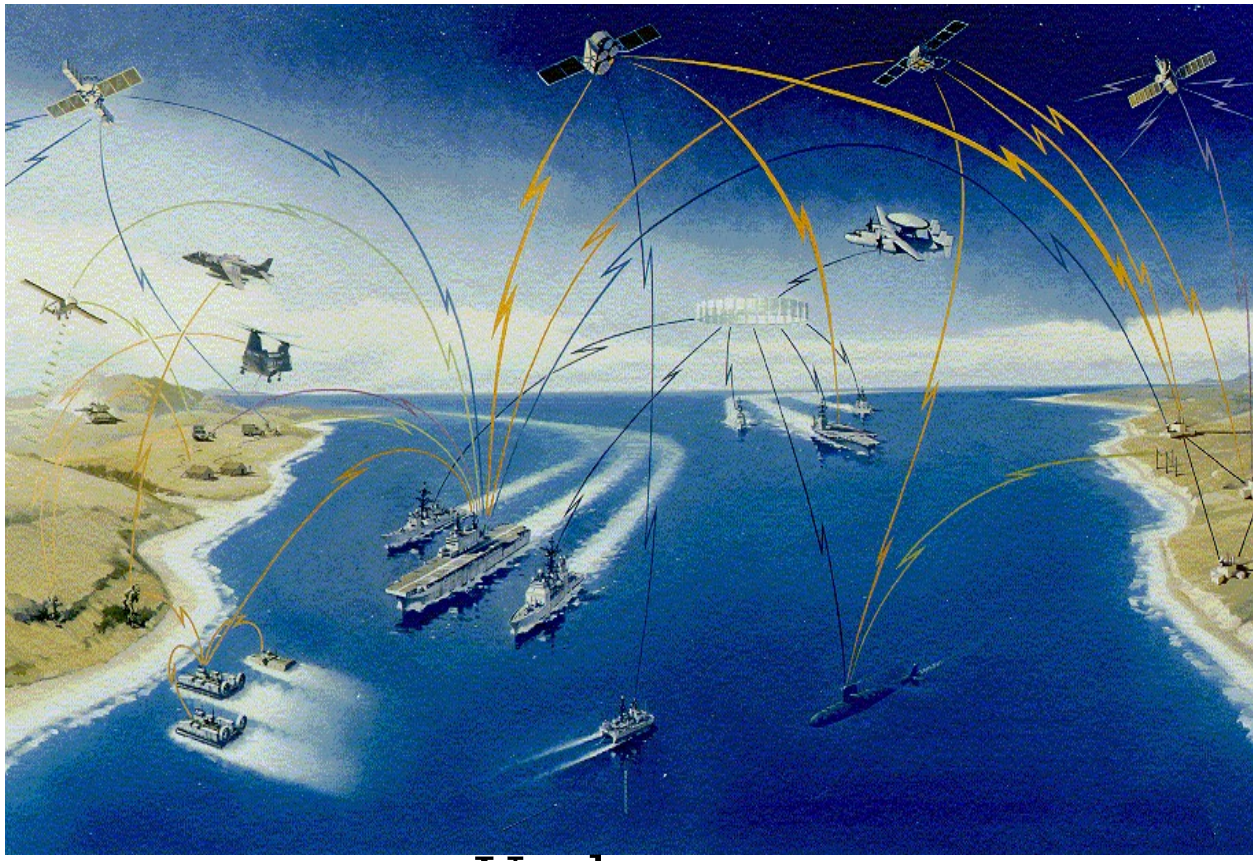
Mission & Training Needs

- Ability to robustly “train as we fight” before sending our sons and daughters into harms way
- *Robust training* requires sustained, flexible access to integrated training ranges and operating areas.

A Multi-Dimensional Training Range Environment is needed

Ship to Shore

Sea-based & Land-based Aircraft



AIR

LAND

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SEA

Undersea Warfare

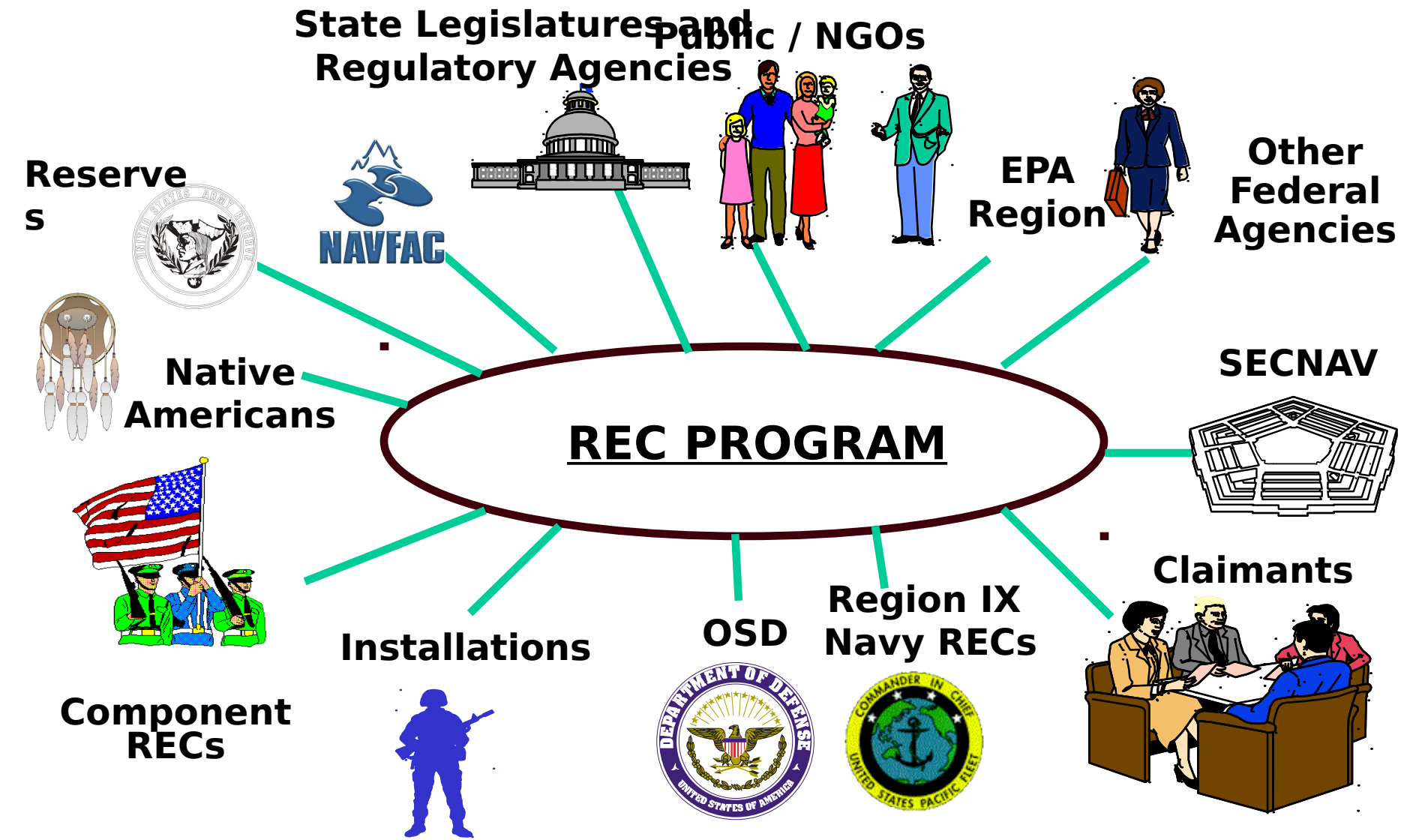
Encroachment Challenges

Reduced Flexibility

Why Outreach?

- Encroachment threatens mission
- Encroachment is many faceted
  - Land Use
  - Air Space
  - Environmental Regulation
- Outreach is ticket to decision maker's table
- California successes
  - Working to export to other states

Stakeholder Communication

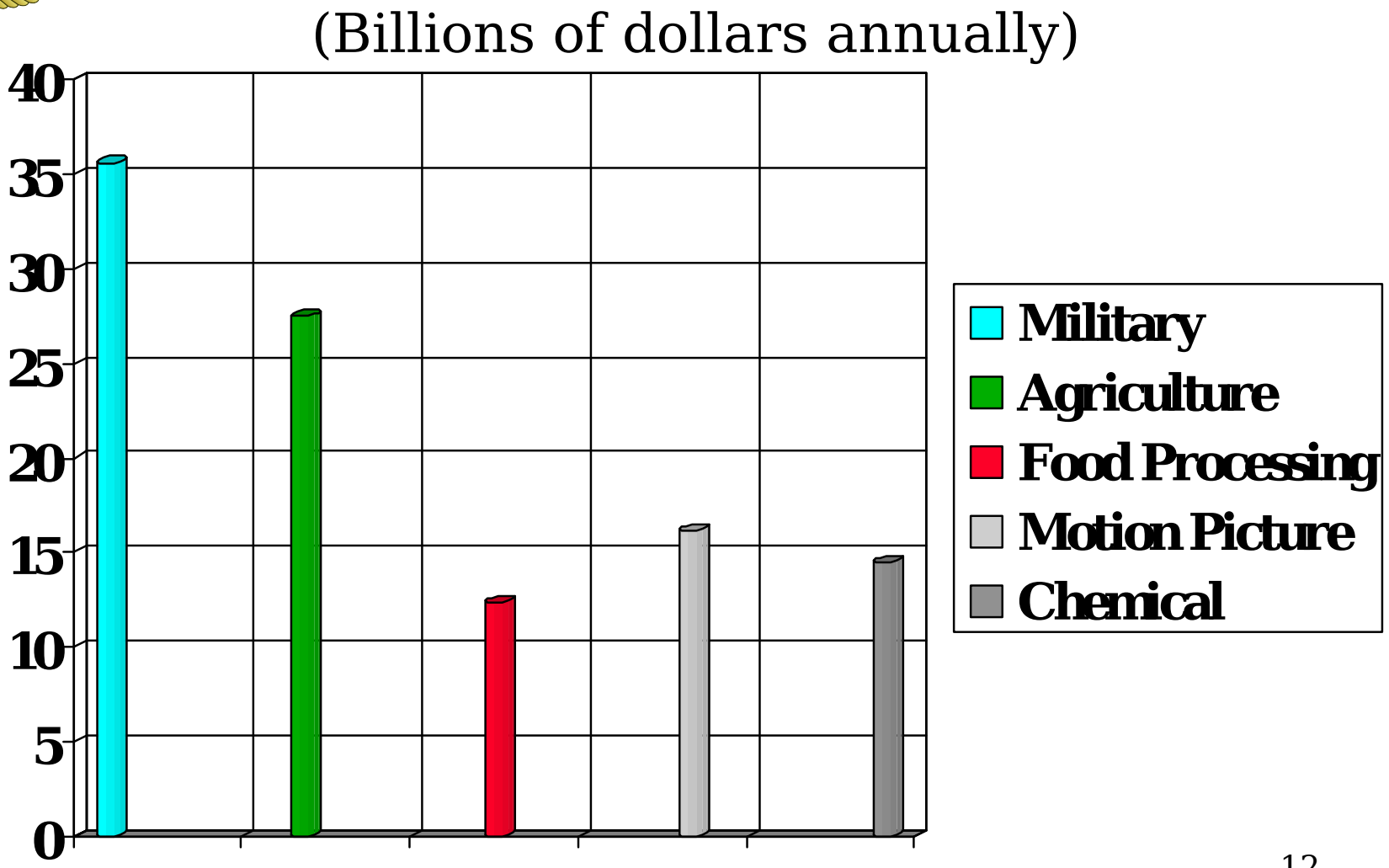


California Governmental Affairs

- Legislative
  - Review all bills
  - Identify priority, track in database
  - Coordinate positions with CNRSW, other services as necessary
  - Actively work 10-20 bills
  - Propose bills as appropriate
- Executive Branch
  - Key Cabinet officials
  - Key regulatory officials
- Working to promote, protect DoD mission
- Educate members on impact of state laws/regulations on DoD mission
- Recently opened Sacramento office

The Great Seal

MILITARY: KEY SECTOR OF CALIFORNIA ECONOMY



Source: Military from Department of Defense (FY 2002). All others from California Department of Finance's California Statistical Abstract for 2001. Agriculture

Environmental Issues & Challenges

- Water Quality
  - Storm Water Regulations and Permits
  - TMDLs and Contaminated Sediments
  - SB 68 San Diego Bay Advisory Committee
- Clean Air Act
  - Air Conformity
  - Engine Regulation
  - Title V “Surge” Provisions
  - Portable Equipment successes
- Fee Issues
- Regional Oil Spill Prevention
- Cleanup Issues

Endangered Species
Cultural Resources

Southwest Region

Endangered Species 37 Cultural Resources 9000+

Note: More than 2/3's of the States manage fewer endangered species than CNRSW [Rank 14th]

San Diego Metro

Endangered Species 27 Cultural Resources 8925

San Clemente Is.

Endangered Species 15 Cultural Resources 8500

Note: [a] CNRSW is totally responsible for the recovery of eight endemic species, [b] Archeological sites are one of the most dense assortments of cultural resources in the United States

The Way Ahead: Partnerships

- California “Anti-Encroachment” Legislation
- Supported by all services through DoD REC program
  - AB 1108 - California Environmental Quality Act Amendments
  - SB 1468 – General Plan Amendments
- Improve DoD/California lines of communication
  - DoD participation in public policy development
  - Foster familiarization and cross-training opportunities for key DoD and state employees
- Proposed SB 1462 – Southern California Military Greenway Commission
- Florida & Arizona Buffer Initiatives

Partnerships

Recycled plastic pier pilings

California P2 Partnership Charter (signed November 26, 2002)

Construction demolition recycling program at Naval Station San Diego. With a 56.8 percent recycling rate, 179,890 tons were recycled in 1999.

California DTSC Director Lowry at solvent-free parts

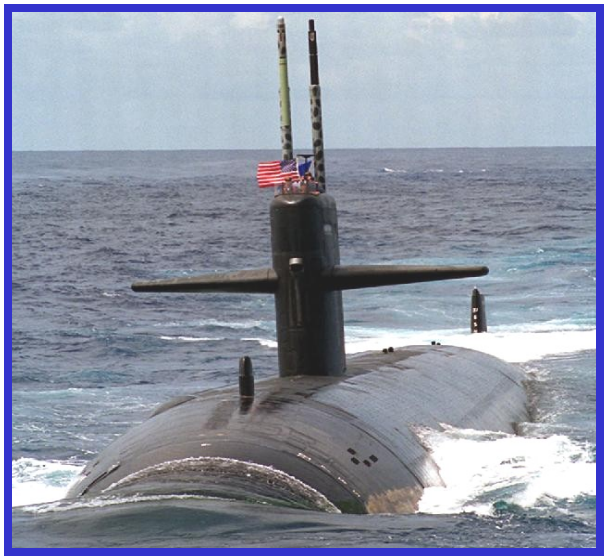
In November 2002, a 750 KW Solar Power facility was commissioned at NAS North Island (Largest photovoltaic system ever installed by the Federal

CA Handbook Leads Way
(Knight SB 1468)

- DOD REC/CA Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Partnership to draft Handbook
  - Facilitate incorporating military inputs to future general plans
  - Assure consideration/protection of military issues in planning decisions
  - Installations host public meetings in northern, coastal and interior California
  - Seek OEA funding for rounding out effort and providing implementation plan and execution

Conclusion

- Continue existing partnerships
- Implement Land Use legislation
  - SB 1468 General Plan
  - AB 1108 California Environmental Quality Act
  - Arizona HB 2140 Planning & Disclosure Law
- Develop future partnerships
  - SB 68 (Alpert) for San Diego Bay Advisory Committee



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